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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: : Rickard et al.
SERIAL NO: : 10/679,824
FILED: : October 6, 2003
FOR: : Optical Sub-Carrier Multiplexed
Transmission
EXAMINER: : Li Liu
GROUP ART UNIT: : 2613
CONFIRMATION NO: : 3707
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
OF NOVEMBER 20, 2008 AND AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Honorable Director of
Patents and Trademarks
PO Box 1450,
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Dear Sir:

In further response further to the Office Action mailed November 20, 2008, it is requested that the application be amended as follows.